

the boundaries of sovereignty for modern Indian nations. The book also challenged the Federal Government's unjust treatment of our Nation's tribal governments. When academic critics challenged his intellect and sophistication, he responded by writing "The Metaphysics of Modern Existence." A lively discussion with Vine was an invigorating and thought-provoking sport enriched by his extraordinary and pointed sense of humor.

Deloria taught history at the University of Arizona from 1978 to 1990 and then at the University of Colorado, where he taught until his retirement in 2000.

In 2002, Deloria received the Wallace Stegner Award, the highest honor presented by CU-Boulder's Center for the American West. The inscription on Deloria's award, given to people who have made a sustained contribution to the cultural identity of the West, reads as follows:

Always grounded in the stories told by plains and ridges of your Sioux homeland, and guided by your vision of tribal sovereignty, you have become a hero for the ages in Indian country and far beyond, you have changed the West and the world through your activism during the termination crisis, your spirited leadership ever since, your vast and influential writings, and your encompassing mind and matchless courage.

I rise today on the floor of the Senate to honor and celebrate the life's work of Vine Deloria, Jr. We are a better, stronger people for having been blessed with his wisdom.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHILLIP A. SINGERMAN

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Phillip A. Singerman on his very successful tenure as executive director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). Dr. Singerman recently announced his intention to step down from this position at the end of the year.

The Maryland General Assembly created TEDCO in 1999 as a quasi-State investment corporation to facilitate business growth and foster technology transfer. When Dr. Singerman came from the U.S. Department of Commerce to lead TEDCO in 1999, its budget was approximately \$650,000. Since Dr. Singerman began, TEDCO's assets have increased nearly ten fold. Through Dr. Singerman's leadership and drive, TEDCO created innovative partnerships between Maryland's large and growing high-tech Federal sector and start-up businesses that allowed the private sector to harness and grow applications for the cutting-edge technologies developed by the Federal Government. This work has also allowed Maryland businesses to work with the Federal Government to "spin-in" technology—connecting the best of the private sector's technology expertise to

our Federal sector on behalf of our national interest.

Through these and other efforts, TEDCO has gained a national reputation. For the last 2 years, it has been recognized by Entrepreneur Magazine as the leading backer of seed and early stage companies in the country. In fact, TEDCO's investments have been so successful that a company receiving its seed funding now typically receives 25 times that initial amount from other venture capital firms and the Federal Government over the following 3 years. In short, Dr. Singerman has done a tremendous amount to bolster Maryland's preeminent role as a national center of excellence for high technology innovation. As Richard C. "Mike" Lewin, former head of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development put it in a recent Baltimore Sun article: "[h]e made TEDCO from scratch what it is today, the most effective technology development operation in the country."

Mr. President, I am proud to have worked with Dr. Singerman over the last 6 years. His contribution to the State of Maryland and to our Nation cannot be overstated, and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the entire Baltimore Sun article about Dr. Singerman's tenure as executive director of TEDCO quoted above.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Baltimore Sun, Dec. 14, 2005]

MD. TECH AGENCY'S DIRECTOR RESIGNS (By Tricia Bishop and David Nitkin)

Phillip A. Singerman, who guided a quasi-state technology development agency from the dot-com bust into the era of homeland security-related startups, has resigned as its executive director.

In his six years leading the Maryland Technology Development Corp., the former assistant secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department in the Clinton administration helped TEDCO support tech companies with everything from promotion to venture capital. TEDCO is considered one of the top early-stage investors in the country.

"TEDCO's programs have now proven their effectiveness, the organization has achieved a new level of stability, and a competent and energetic staff has been put in place," Singerman wrote in a letter he submitted Monday to the agency's board of directors.

"The organizational tasks now facing TEDCO are more administrative and less, entrepreneurial. Therefore," he said, "I believe the time is now appropriate for me to seek new professional challenges."

Singerman, who was appointed to his post in August 1999 by Democratic Gov. Parris N. Glendening, did not return phone calls yesterday. His last day as executive director will be Dec. 31.

Renee M. Winsky, the group's deputy executive director, will likely step in to fill the position on an interim basis after that, although a formal announcement has yet to be made.

Because Singerman was well-respected, some of those disappointed by the resignation saw it as the result of political pressure. However, unlike, other recent turnovers at

state agencies, the immediate reaction was muted.

The Maryland General Assembly created the organization in 1998, with the dot-com boom in full flower and bright kids with big ideas becoming instant millionaires. TEDCO was given the job of moving technology being developed within the state's universities and federal laboratories into the commercial world.

"It doesn't happen through osmosis. There has to be an organization that is intensely focused on making it happen," said Penny Lewandowski, an executive with the Edward Lowe Foundation in Michigan and a former executive director of the Greater Baltimore Technology Council. She was among the first people Singerman met when he took the TEDCO post.

"He had a real understanding of the mission and what they set out to do," Lewandowski said. "For somebody, to be able to pull out these companies and give them the help that they needed and really put them on the map something that we hadn't seen before."

Several TEDCO board members expressed surprise at Singerman's resignation, although talks had been going on as to how the seven-year-old group could best progress.

"I think [TEDCO] has done an excellent job of getting us to what I will call the first phase of this commercialization effort," said Aris Melissaratos, secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development, which oversees TEDCO. "The challenge is to take it to the next level. I've been having strategic discussions with the board over the last couple of years of how do we do that."

Part of those discussions centered on whether Singerman's contract would be renewed.

"I'm always looking for the next superstar to pop in. I don't think these government jobs should be forever," said Melissaratos, who is a member of TEDCO's board of directors. "I like Phil because he's a good guy. He did a super job. Again, even though he did a super job, I wouldn't mind finding a way to get the organization to the next level, and I've been talking to Phillip about that continuously."

Del. Kumar P. Barve, a Montgomery County Democrat who was a lead sponsor of the legislation that created the technology investment agency, said Singerman was expected to be replaced by Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.'s administration.

State Board of Elections records show that Singerman contributed \$950 in donations to former Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend between December 2000 and July 2002, months before she lost the election for governor to Ehrlich. Singerman gave, \$250 to Ehrlich last year.

Singerman "has pretty uniformly gotten positive reviews. But the governor wants to put his guy in charge, which is technically his right to do," said Barve, who is the House Democratic leader and a frequent critic of Ehrlich. "Phil was expecting to be replaced, and I'm sure that was part of his motivation for leaving. Who wants to get fired?"

Melissaratos and other board members, however, said, politics didn't push out Singerman.

"In no sense, in my view, should it be implied that Phillip was somehow forced out. He resigned his position in his own volition. People were trying to convince him—[board chairman] Frank [Adams] was trying to convince him—to stay," said Theodore O. Poehler, vice provost of research at the Johns Hopkins University and vice chairman of TEDCO's.

On Monday, Singerman gave his resignation to Adams, who said he reluctantly accepted it.

"When he finally told me what his reasons were, my first inclination was to talk him out of it. But as I listened carefully, it became clear as one would expect of Phillip, that he had thought this through very carefully," said Adams, who is also president and chief executive of Grotech Capital Group, a venture capital firm based in Timonium.

"He likened himself to an entrepreneur with a startup company. He'd gotten it off the ground, gotten it to the point where it's very stable," said Adams, who believes Singerman thought the time right to bring in more of a manager-type executive director to "free him up for another endeavor."

In 1999, Singerman was lured away from the U.S. Commerce Department, where he directed the Economic Development Administration and its \$400 million budget, to become the first executive director of TEDCO, with its seed budget of about \$650,000. Last fiscal year, TEDCO's budget had grown to about \$5.5 million.

Landing Singerman was considered a coup at the time. He has a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and a master's and doctorate from Yale University, experience in politics and lobbying and was a former chief executive of a technology center in Pennsylvania. He also had spent a couple of years in the Peace Corps; teaching villagers in the Colombian Andes about economic development.

"He made TEDCO from scratch what it is today, the most effective technology development operation in the country," said Richard C. "Mike" Lewin, a former head of the Department of Business and Economic Development and a member of the TEDCO board. "This resignation is a real, and in my opinion, unnecessary, loss. It just didn't have to happen."

Melissaratos said the board is trying to arrange a meeting Monday to discuss how to best find a replacement for Singerman and is likely to approve deputy executive director Winsky as interim director.

"Whenever you have an organizational upheaval like this, the smart thing to do is step back and not rush into anything," said Adams, the chairman. "[I hope] to find a person who can come in with fresh eyes and say, 'You could be this' or 'You could be that' and excite the board with a new sense of vitality. That's the [silver] lining in this dark cloud."•

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

H. Con. Res. 284. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt.

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1287. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 312 East North Avenue in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2099. An act to establish the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to reauthorize and amend the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 4000. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contract with the Bostwick Irrigation District of Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District N. 2, the Frenchmans-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No.4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4108. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building".

H.R. 4109. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office".

H.R. 4246. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office Building".

H.R. 4510. An act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the Capitol.

H.R. 4515. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the "Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office".

H.R. 4635. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4636. An act to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4637. An act to make certain technical corrections in amendments made by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 205) to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo soldiers, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 652) to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1310) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware

Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1481) to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1892) to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95).

The message further announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2863) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1815) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 467. An act to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

H.R. 358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 797. An act to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians.

H.R. 2520. An act to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 19, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill: